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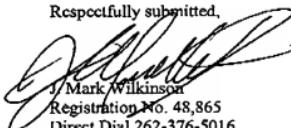
REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed July 27, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 10-18 under 35 U.S.C. §101, stating that claims to computer programs per se are not statutory subject matter. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowability of claims 1-9 and 19-32 as well as the rejoinder of claims 1-32.

Applicant has amended claims 10-18, pursuant to the Examiner's recommendation, to state that the computer program is stored on a "computer readable storage medium." As such, Applicant believes that claims 10-18 are in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-32.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks, and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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